

Honorable Commissioners: The electric power distribution system has been a frequent contributor of noise interference to Amateur Radio and Short Wave Listeners. Some power companies have been very cooperative in resolving these problems, however, too many are only cooperative when forced. The band of frequencies proposed for BPL are exactly the range of frequencies most used by Amateur Radio operators and SWL's. Given the power industry's less than stellar performance in dealing with current interference, I have no confidence in their ability to address interference from BPL. While they may claim the technology to be used will not cause interference, the long used and understood technology of their existing power distribution systems causes interference on occasion even though it should not. I shudder to think of the results of allowing the power companies to introduce a technology which is not familiar to them.

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